

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims is being provided as a convenience to the Examiner; no amendments have been made to the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1.-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) A method for operating wireless devices in vehicles, the method comprising:

monitoring a relationship between a wireless device and a vehicle by evaluating geographical location information that specifies a geographical location of the wireless device and that specifies a geographical location of the vehicle, wherein the geographical location information is generated for each of the wireless device and the vehicle by at least one location system, to determine the relationship by comparing the geographical location of the wireless device to the geographical location of the vehicle; and

enabling operation of the wireless device in a hands-free mode if the relationship satisfies a condition.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the relationship indicates that the wireless device is located within the vehicle.

46.-47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising measuring a signal strength transmitted by the wireless device by a transceiver associated with the vehicle in addition to evaluating the geographical location information.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the wireless device is a wireless telephone.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the enabling operation of the wireless device in a hands-free mode is performed by the wireless device.

51. (Previously Presented) A method for using a wireless telephone in a vehicle, the method comprising:

determining presence of the wireless telephone within the vehicle by finding a geographic location of the wireless telephone, finding a geographic location of the vehicle, and comparing the geographic location of the wireless telephone to the geographic location of the vehicle; and

enabling a hands-free mode of the wireless telephone if the wireless telephone is present within the vehicle.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the determining is performed by a geonavigational positioning system.

53.-54. (Cancelled)

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the enabling is performed by a microprocessor that controls the wireless telephone.

56. (Previously Presented) A system for operating wireless devices in vehicles, the system comprising:

means for determining a positional relationship between a wireless device and a vehicle by generating position data for the wireless device and generating position data for the vehicle and by comparing the position data for the wireless device to the position data of the vehicle;

means for defining a condition based on the positional relationship for enabling a hands-free mode; and

means for enabling the wireless device to operate in the hands-free mode where the positional relationship of the wireless device being in the vehicle is satisfied.

57. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 56, wherein the determining means comprises a wireless communication network location system.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 56, wherein the determining means comprises a GPS receiver in the wireless device and a GPS receiver in the vehicle.

59.-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 56, wherein the wireless device is a wireless telephone.

64. (Previously Presented) A storage medium containing processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

comparing geographical location information obtained for a mobile device and geographical location information obtained for a vehicle to determine a positional relationship between the mobile device and the vehicle; and

enabling a hands-free mode of operation of the mobile device if the positional relationship indicates that the mobile device is located within the vehicle.

65. (Previously Presented) The medium according to claim 64, wherein the method further comprises:

disabling non-hands-free operation of the mobile device if the positional relationship indicates that the mobile device is located within the vehicle.

66. (Previously Presented) The medium according to claim 65, wherein said disabling non-hands-free operation is limited to a particular region relative to the vehicle.

67. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 44, further comprising:

disabling non-hands-free operation of the wireless device if the positional relationship indicates that the wireless device is located within the vehicle.

68. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein said disabling non-hands-free operation is limited to a particular region relative to the vehicle.

69. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 51, further comprising:
disabling non-hands-free operation of the mobile device if the positional relationship indicates that the wireless device is located within the vehicle.

70. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69, wherein said disabling non-hands-free operation is limited to a particular region relative to the vehicle.

71. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 67, wherein said disabling comprises:
generating an interference signal to disrupt non-hands-free operation of the wireless device.

72. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 69, wherein said disabling comprises:
generating an interference signal to disrupt non-hands-free operation of the wireless device.

73. (Previously Presented) The medium according to Claim 65, wherein said disabling comprises:
generating an interference signal to disrupt non-hands-free operation of the mobile device.

74. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 56, further comprising:
means for disabling non-hands-free operation of the mobile device if the positional relationship indicates that the wireless device is located within the vehicle.

75. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 74, wherein said means for disabling comprises:
means for generating an interference signal to disrupt non-hands-free operation of the wireless device.